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My dear little Helen

Papa is glad he has your picture with him
for he can look at it when he is far away
& cannot see you & feels lonesome
without you & wonder & mamma
I am living in a house made out of
cloth & the wind shakes the walls &
makes them flap like a table cloth
when you are shaking off the crumbs

There is a big mountain near the house
& some of the snow that is lying on it
looks like animals. One of the patches
snow looks like an elephant 200 feet
long. I will try to draw it for you. This is the
old White fellow



& here is a
reindeer



Papa will soon
be back to you my dear Helen
I will not tell you to be good
for Papa knows you will be good